Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know the schools in which these 14 children have sought admission and whether they have been provided seats in those schools?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—They must have been directed to the Muslim School at Azhikode or the Lower Secondary School at Eriyad.

Sirkar High School, Trichur—expenditure for.

190. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the amounts spent during the past three years, for running the Sirkar High School at Trichur;

(b) how many High Schools are there in the Trichur town?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—

(a) The amount spent under the several heads for 1109, 1110 and 1111 were Rs. 18,150—2—8, Rs. 16,969—5—1 and Rs. 18,203—13—0, respectively. Deducting the receipts on account of fees, etc., the net expenditure for the three years was Rs. 9,234—3—6, Rs. 8,368—9—10 and Rs. 8,180—6—10, respectively.

(b) Four Boys' High Schools and 3 Girls' High Schools.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—May I know what is the expenditure incurred by the Government on account of the C. M. S. High School, the Vivekodayam High School and the St. Thomas College High School?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—I want notice.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—What will be the commitment of the Government if this school is handed over to a private agency?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—The expenditure here covers a very large number of items.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—Will it be more or less?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)* —That will be less.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether the Government is in a position to tell us what the average cost per boy of the Government in this school is?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—I want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Is not this school the first English School started in the State?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Yes. It was started over a hundred years ago.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether there have been any attempts made by the Government to see that this school is run by the Municipality?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—In my report I had suggested that this may be run by the Municipality. No offer has been made by us to the Municipality nor the Municipality has made any move in this matter.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to move in this direction and negotiate with the Municipality and see that it is run by them?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—This is a point generally recommended by the Special Retrenchment Committee and this is one of the questions to be considered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether the cost of the Government per pupil in an aided high school is not far less than what it is in a sirkar school?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—I do admit that the grant amount will be less.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—In view of that admission may I request that the Government may be pleased to negotiate with the Municipality to see that this school is run by them?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—I shall keep it in mind.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—It is better if the Government takes a note of it.

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—Is it not a fact that in British India the Municipalities are expected to undertake the running of schools within their area?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Yes. Even in rural areas the District Board runs the schools.

Mr. K. T. Mathew *(Kunnamkulam).*—May I know whether there was a request from the Municipality that they should be allowed to run this school?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—What I informed the House is that I made a suggestion in my report.

Mr. K. T. Mathew *(Kunnamkulam).*—My question is whether they can ask the Municipality?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—The question is before the Government. It is only a recommendation made by the Head of the Department in his report. It is not a final decision of the Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—It has been said on a former occasion that it is not possible to pass a comprehensive order upon the report of the Director and on the S. K. Committee Report. Since this has been pertinently brought before the Government and regard being had to a reduction of the commitments of Government as far as the running of High Schools are concerned, will you please consider this matter independently and pass final orders?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Consideration of this question is assured because that is one of the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee.

Mr. K. T. Mathew *(Kunnamkulam).*—We were putting the question not to the member in charge but to the Government?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—I am giving my answers not as Director but as the Government.

Mr. K. T. Mathew *(Kunnamkulam).*—Whether the Government have got any objection to make a reference to the Municipality?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—I say on behalf of Government that this is one of the specific

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recommendations contained in a note by one of the Members of the Retrenchment Committee and since Government have got to pass orders on the Retrenchment Committee report Government will have to consider this question.

Transfer of students of the St. Albert's High School, Ernakulam to the Sirkar High School—order of.

191. **Mr. A. V. Moothedan** *(Chalakkudi)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that 17 students belonging to the St. Albert's High School, Ernakulam, were asked to take their transfer certificates and join the local Sirkar High School;

(b) what is the policy underlying this action of the Department;

(c) is it as a measure of retrenchment;

(d) which is cheaper to maintain—a division in a Sirkar School or a division in an aided school, so far as expenditure to the Government is concerned?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*.—(a) Yes. But it was subsequently cancelled on the petition of guardians pointing out the difficulties if the order was enforced.

(b) To avoid duplication of facilities in Secondary Education.

(c) It is a way to avoid unnecessary expenditure.

(d) A division in an aided school.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad)*.—May I know whether there is any provision in the Education Code compelling students to take transfer certificate and seek admission elsewhere?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*.—There is no such provision. But the Code provides that the authorities can refuse admission or that they should discontinue. The authorities at the time of refusing do also point out a means of overcoming the inconvenience.

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